

## ENGDahl CLAIMS GAS MEN TALK GAS AND POLITICS

Uniformed gas company employes are canvassing ostensibly to sell gas ranges or exchange new for old stoves, but actually to talk politics and make votes for gas company candidates.

This is going on in the 15th ward, according to charges of J. Louis Engdahl, Socialist candidate for alderman, in a speech at 1813 W. Division st., last night.

"A woman busy with her housework hears the doorbell ring," said Engdahl. "She goes to the door and sees a man in a nifty blue uniform. He says he's from the gas company and she reads in gold braid letters on his cap the initials of 'The Peoples Gas Co.'"

"It's a good deal of a joke, of course, for anybody to call it a people's gas company when it's a fact that the company belongs to Sam In-sull, Roger Sullivan, John P. Hopkins and other men of millions who got their millions skinning the people they have named their corporation after.

"The lady lets him in because he looks safe and respectable. Once inside he talks about gas ranges—and politics.

"The Sullivan candidate, Kaindl, gets all the boosting from these house-to-house canvassers. In this connection I would point out that my opponent, Kaindl, does not deny he is the Sullivan candidate and the Roger Sullivan fortune got its start in gas."

So serious are the charges of Engdahl that they aroused the Tribune today to publication of a statement from an unidentified gas company official. It is denied uniformed canvassers are doing political work. The official said the company is taking no part in the campaign and Sam In-sull's letter to the council gas-oil committee whitewashing himself and the gas company of political activity is the truth and all else is false in the present situation.

## OTHERS MAY DIE FROM FIRE AT OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Several more deaths may be added to the list of four who perished in the fire that swept the Scottish Old People's Home at Riverside yesterday. Many of the survivors are ill from exposure and on account of the advanced age of most fatalities may be expected.

Those who were killed in the flames were Mrs. Janet Greenock, 70; Wm. McPherson, 92; Thos. Loutitt, 76, and Wm. Robertson, 80. The more seriously of the survivors are Andrew Minto, 84; John Harrison, 88; Andrew Greenock, 76; Mrs. Ida Bell, 71; Mrs. Isabel Hope, 82, and Jessie Campbell, 65.

The inmates were aroused by the barking of a small dog, who discovered the flames. The cause of the fire is unknown.

## —o—o— BEEFSTEAK

Beefsteak is an article of food which walks into a slaughter house on four legs and rides out in a wagon in chunks.

Some folks like it rare, exceedingly rare. So rare, in fact, that they tell the waiter to just cripple theirs and drag it in.

Other folks don't like it rare. But with prices what they are, they find it rare whether they like it or not. Either mighty rare or totally extinct. One man we know was carried to the hospital the other day singing: "Oh what is so rare as a day in June? A piece of the cow that jumped over the moon."

This condition should not exist. We are in favor of more meat on beefsteak.

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Gibbs, Mo.—Three army balloonists had thrilling five-hour battle in snowstorm 10,000 feet above ground. Hurled through air 50 miles an hour.

Sacramento, Cal.—British consul at San Francisco will not issue passports to Hindus who have immigrated to U. S. and now wish to return.